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SUBJ: FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER ON CRUISE MISSILES

1. ACCORDING TO AFP ON JANUARY 12, FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER, YVON BOURGES, RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING CRUISE MISSILES DURING AN INTERVIEW ON FRANCE-INTER. HIGHLIGHTS OF AFP ITEM FOLLOW.

2. BOURGES INDICATED THAT FRANCE HAD THE CAPACITY TO DEVELOP CRUISE MISSILES. "THIS IS NOT EXTRAORDINARY FOR A COUNTRY LIKE OURS WITH THE WEAPONS WE HAVE ALREADY DEVELOPED." BOURGES RECALLED, HOWEVER, THAT THE 1977-82 DEFENSE PROGRAM LAW FORESAW NO FUNDING FOR THIS PURPOSE. ACCORDING TO BOURGES CRUISE MISSILE CONSTRUCTION PRESUPPOSES TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY MORE THAN FINANCIAL, ADDING THAT THE CRUISE MISSILE IS NOT AN EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE TYPE OF WEAPONS  
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SYSTEM, WHICH IS THE REASON THE U.S. IS PLANNING FOR IT.

3. BOURGES CONTINUED THAT FOR CRUISE MISSILES TO HAVE AN EFFECTIVENESS COMPARABLE TO THE PROTECTION AFFORDED THE "AMERICAN SANCTUARY" BY (BALLISTIC) MISSILES, A "SATURATION EFFECT" IS PRESUPPOSED; THAT IS, A VERY

LARGE NUMBER WOULD BE NECESSARY, THUS RAISING THE  
PROBLEM OF COST. "BUT ALL WEAPONS SYSTEMS ARE  
EXPENSIVE TODAY."  
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